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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Masaru FUKUDA
A CONNECTOR LOCK MECHANISM
Assignee: YAZAKI CORPORATION
Our Ref: Q79675

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/283,998 (Confirmation No. 1757) filed April 2, 1999 of Masaru FUKUDA entitled A CONNECTOR LOCK MECHANISM.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, twenty four (24) sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement, and a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2839.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/283,998, filed April 2, 1999; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	P. Hei. 10-96225	April 8, 1998

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/283,998.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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